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TAGS: PEPR, PINT, PDIP, GV, IV
SUBJECT: POST-RECONCILIATION SUMMIT MOVES

REF: ABIDJAN 3158 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE, SEKOU TOURE PLANS TO APPOINT EL HADJ MORY KEITA AS GUINEAN AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST. KEITA, AGE 52, CURRENTLY GUINEAN AMBASSADOR IN ROME, PREVIOUSLY LIVED IN THE IVORY COAST; HIS WIFE MARGOT IS AN IVORIAN AND KEEPS UP CLOSE TIES WITH KIN THERE. KEITA WAS EDUCATED AS A MEDICAL DOCTOR IN DAKAR (HIS CLASSMATES WERE NOW-PRIMIN BEAVOGUI AND MINISTER OF EXCHANGES ABDOULAYE TOURE) AND PRACTICED FOR A TIME. KEITA FORMERLY WAS GOVERNOR OF KANKAN, MAMOU, KINDIA, GOVERNOR OF CONAKRY ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, AND AMBASSADOR TO U.S. (1971-72). HIS SHORT TOUR IN WASHINGTON ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED MISUSE OF FUNDS, ACCORDING TO ONE RUMOR. HE
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HAS SOLID PARTY CREDENTIALS, HAVING HELPED FORM THE PDG. NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE YET (SEE CONAKRY A-24, A RIL 19, 1976; NOTAL; BEING POUCHED TO ABIDJAN).

2. NO NOMINATIONS FOR EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS WITH SENEGAL HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN MADE YET. PRESIDENT SENGHOR

CONTINUES TO INSIST ON CONCLUSION OF AN ACCORD ON NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF EACH STATE, TO INCLUDE STIPULATION THAT EMBASSIES WOULD HAVE NO CONTACT WITH LOCAL "OPPOSITION".

3. ON APRIL 3 GUINEAN RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT TOURE HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO HIS "FRIEND AND BROTHER" PRESIDENT SENGHOR ON OCCASION OF SENEGALESE NATIONAL DAY AND NINTH ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN DAKAR. TOURE WISHED "SINCERE, WARM CONGRATULATIONS" AND REAFFIRMED DETERMINATION TO WORK FOR "ESTABLISHMENT AND REINFORCEMENT OF RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS". TOURE ALSO ASSURED SENGHOR THAT, IN RESPONSE TO SENEGAL'S INVITATION, HE WAS SENDING AN "IMPORTANT DELEGATION" TO SESSION. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SUCH SENTIMENTS SOUND SOMEWHAT OFF-KEY TO CONAKRY LISTENERS' EARS ATTUNED TO LAST YEAR'S IMPRECATIONS AGAINST "THE MANGY SHEEP SENGHOR", TOURE IS CLEARLY TRYING HARD TO PUSH THE SPIRIT OF MONROVIA FORWARD AND ESTABLISH TONE OF CORDIAL, EVEN FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL.
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